

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the original claim set with the following replacement claim set.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a notification that an event has occurred, said the method comprising:

receiving a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of said the event to a client computer, said the request comprising a description of said the event and a user identifier;

determining whether said the event has occurred; and
in response to determining that said the event has occurred, identifying a network address for said the client computer based on said the user identifier, and transmitting a request to the client computer at said the network address to provide the notification
~~display a visual indication~~ that said the event has occurred.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said the notificaiton visual indication comprises a user interface window including a description of said the event.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein said the user interface window is displayed over one or more currently active windows.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein said the user interface window further comprises one or more hyperlinks referencing a network location having additional information regarding said the event.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein said the request to provide a notification further comprises data for customizing said the notification visual

indication, wherein transmitting a request to said the client computer to provide the notification display a visual indication that said the event has occurred further comprises transmitting said the data for customizing said the notification visual indication, and wherein said the user interface window further comprises said the data for customizing said the notification visual indication.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein identifying a network address for said the client computer based on said the user identifier comprises querying a network service provider or other network database for said the network address of said the client computer.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said the request to provide the notification display a visual indication that said the event has occurred is transmitted to said the client computer over a high-speed always-on network connection.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said the request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of said the event is received at a business web server.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a notification that an event has occurred, said the method comprising:

transmitting a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of said the event to a server computer, said the request comprising a description of said the event and a user identifier;

receiving from said the server computer a request to provide the notification display a visual indication that said the event has occurred, said the notification visual indication comprising a user interface window including a description of said the event; and

providing the notification displaying said visual indication.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein said the user interface window is displayed over one or more currently active windows.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein said the user interface window further comprises one or more hyperlinks referencing a network location having additional information regarding said the event.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein said the request to provide a notification further comprises data for customizing said the notification visual indication, wherein said the request to provide the notification display a visual indication that said the event has occurred further comprises said the data for customizing said the notification visual indication, and wherein said the user interface window further comprises said the data for customizing said the notification visual indication.

13. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 1.

14. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 9.

15. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of Claim 1.

16. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of Claim 9.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a notification that an event has occurred, said the system comprising:

a client computer comprising an output device a display, a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for

execution on said the central processing unit, said the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the client computer to transmit a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of said the event to a server computer, said the request comprising a description of said the event and a user identifier, to receive from said the server computer a request to provide a notification ~~display a visual indication~~ that said the event has occurred ~~via a high speed always on network connection~~, said the notification ~~visual indication~~ comprising a user interface window including a description of said the event, and to provide the notification ~~display said visual indication on said display~~; and

a server computer comprising a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on said the central processing unit of said the server computer, said the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the server computer to receive said the request to provide a notification from said the client computer, to determine whether said the event has occurred, to identify a network address for said the client computer based on said the user identifier in response to determining that said the event has occurred, and to transmit said the request to said the client computer to provide a notification ~~display a visual indication~~ that said the event has occurred at said the network address.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising a web server computer, and wherein said the notification ~~visual indication~~ that said the event has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein said the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of said the hyperlink and, based on said the selection, to retrieve and display additional information regarding said the event from said the web server computer.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising a billing server computer, and wherein said the notification ~~visual indication~~ that said the event has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein said the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of said the hyperlink and, based on said the selection, to place an order with said the billing server computer.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising a calendaring server computer, and wherein said the notification visual indication that said the event has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein said the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of said the hyperlink and, based on said the selection, to create an appointment with said the calendaring server computer.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein said the notification visual indication that said the event has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein said the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of said the hyperlink and, based on said the selection, to place a telephone call.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein said the notification visual indication that said the event has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein said client computer is further operative to receive a selection of said the hyperlink and, based on said the selection, send a data message.

23. (New) The system of Claim 17, wherein the notification request received from the server computer is received via a high speed always on network connection.

24. (New) The system of Claim 17, wherein the output device comprises a display.